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THE following Diſpatch was this Morning received from Admiral Lord Bridport, K. B.

Royal George, at Sea, June 24, 1795.

SIR,

IT is with ſincere Satisfaction I acquaint you, for the Information of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, that His Majeſty's Squadron under my Command attacked the Enemy's Fleet, conſiſting of Twelve Ships of the Line, attended with Eleven Frigates and ſome ſmaller Cruizers, on the 23d Inſtant, cloſe in with Port L'Orient. The Ships which ſtruck are the Alexander, Le Formidable, and Le Tigre, which were with Difficulty retained. If the Enemy had not been protected and ſheltered by the Land, I have every Reaſon to believe that a much greater Number, if not all the Line of Battle Ships, would have been taken or deſtroyed.

In detailing the Particulars of this Service, I am to ſtate, that, at the Dawn of Day on the 22d Inſtant, the Nymphe and Aſtræa, being the Look-out Frigates ahead, made the Signal for the Enemy's Fleet. I ſoon perceived that there was no Intention to meet me in Battle; conſequently I made the Signal for Four of the beſt ſailing Ships, the Sans Pareil, Orion, Ruſſel, and Coloſſus, and ſoon afterwards for the whole Fleet, to chaſe, which continued all that Day, and during the Night, with very little Wind.

Early in the Morning on the 23d Inſtant, the headmoſt Ships, the Irreſiſtible, Orion, Queen Charlotte, Ruſſel, Coloſſus, and Sans Pareil, were pretty well up with the Enemy, and a little before Six o'Clock the Action began, and continued till near Nine o'Clock. When the Ships ſtruck, the Britiſh Squadron was near to ſome Batteries, and in the Face of a ſtrong Naval Port, which will manifeſt to the Publick the Zeal, Intrepidity and Skill of the Admirals, Captains, and all other Officers, Seamen and Soldiers employed upon this Service; and they are fully entitled to my warmeſt Acknowledgments.

I beg alſo to be allowed to mark my Approbation, in a particular Manner, of Captain Domett's Conduct, ſerving under my Flag, for his manly Spirit, and for the